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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 0275M-000911/CO

First Inventor Mario Stigler

Title Retaining Clip With Offset Latching Fingers

Express Mail Label No. EV 406 074 855 US (3/31/2004)

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 11]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 Descriptive title of the Invention
 Cross References to Related Applications
 Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 Background of the Invention
 Brief Summary of the Invention
 Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 Detailed Description
 Claim(s)
 Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
a. Newly executed (original or copy)
b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

 Specification filed in English

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
ii. paper
c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Non Publication under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other: Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)
Prior application information: Examiner _____ of prior application No: PCT/EP02 / 100008
Group / Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
1001	2001	385	Utility filing fee
1002	2002	170	Design filing fee
1003	2003	265	Plant filing fee
1004	2004	385	Reissue filing fee
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	9	-20 **	= 0	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	1	-3 **	= 0	X		0
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1204	2204	43
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	2051	130 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	50 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
1053	1053	130 130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
1804	1804	920* 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1805	1,840* 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	110 55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	420 210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	950 475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	1,480 740	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	2,010 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	330 165	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	330 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	290 145	Request for oral hearing
1451	1451	1,510 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110 55	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	2453	1,330 665	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	2501	1,330 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	480 240	Design issue fee
1503	2503	640 320	Plant issue fee
1460	1460	130 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	1807	50 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)
1806	1806	180 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	8021	40 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	770 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	2810	770 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	2801	770 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	1802	900 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

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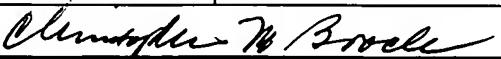
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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$____ for a small entity or \$____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D))].

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Reply

Terminal Disclaimer Form

Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

Continuation Application

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(A)]

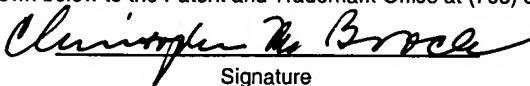
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